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TWO ILLEGAL ALIENS SENTENCED FOR OPERATING HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A FIREARM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two illegal aliens were sentenced last week for operating a house of prostitution and employing illegal alien prostitutes to work in the brothel, following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Mario Alberto Duque-Salinas, 23, of Nat Rogers Rd., New Haven, Ky., and Pedro Estrada-Cortez, 20, of Shelby County, Ky, nationals of Venezuela and Mexico respectively, were sentenced in U.S. District Court in Louisville Jan. 18 for harboring aliens for the purpose of prostitution. Duque-Salinas was also sentenced for illegal possessing a firearm.

Thomas B. Russell, U.S. District Court Judge, sentenced Duque-Salinas to 15 months imprisonment and three years supervised release following incarceration. Estrada-Cortez was sentenced to one year and one day imprisonment, and two years supervised release following incarceration.

Duque-Salinas' responsibilities included depositing the proceeds of the house of prostitution into a bank account and soliciting clients for the prostitution operation by handing out business cards. Estrada-Cortez' responsibilities included receiving money from customers, and overseeing the house of prostitution.

On Oct. 10, Duque-Salinas picked up two illegal alien prostitutes at the Greyhound Bus Station in Louisville who had traveled from Maryland to work in the brothels. By operating this house of prostitution, Duque-Salinas and Estrada-Cortez, aided and abetted by each other, kept, maintained, employed, and harbored the prostitutes.

There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Upon release from prison, Duque-Salinas and Estrada-Cortez will be turned over to ICE custody and processed for deportation.

Duque-Salinas and Estrada-Cortes, both illegal aliens, had previously pleaded guilty Oct. 12 to operating a house of prostitution on Bardstown Rd. in Louisville. Duque-Salinas also had pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm which was kept in the house of prostitution.

The case was successfully prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Madison T. Sewell.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.